



**Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Flower Mound Achieves National Accreditation
from the
Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program**

The North Texas area center meets all criteria as a Comprehensive Center according to national quality standards established to deliver safe, high quality bariatric patient care

FLOWER MOUND, TX - September 19, 2016 - Individuals seeking treatment for severe obesity and its related conditions have a choice for receiving high quality treatment at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Flower Mound's nationally accredited comprehensive bariatrics program.

Texas Health Flower Mound today announced that its bariatric surgical center achieved the distinction of being accredited as a Comprehensive Center under the MBSAQIP, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Improvement Program, a joint programs of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Society for metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS). Spencer Turner, president, notes the importance of this achievement, "the MBSAQIP accreditation is one of the most highly respected distinctions for weight loss surgery programs in the United States. Patrick Shovlin, M.D., Chad Treece, M.D., and Folahan Ayoola, M.D., surgeons for Texas Health Flower Mound's bariatric surgical center, were instrumental in this accomplishment."

As part of the accreditation process, the center underwent an extensive site visit by a bariatric surgeon who reviewed the center's facilities and equipment, its program structure, and its outcomes data. The center demonstrated that it has the infrastructure and protocols necessary to care for its patients with severe obesity as well as its commitment to ensuring continuous improvement and quality outcomes. "We are delighted that this national accreditation board found what we have known all along – Texas Health Flower Mound's bariatric patients receive more than just a procedure, they receive high-quality, individualized care from a

multidisciplinary team, and pre- and post-surgical support all of which help ensure patients have a safe and positive experience,” said Sharon Hillgartner APRN, WHNP-BC, CBN, Director of Specialty Services.

Approximately 15.5 million people suffer from severe obesity in the United States alone and the numbers continue to increase. The MBSAQIP designation assists bariatric patients in their efforts to identify those centers that provide optimal surgical care. Spencer Turner, hospital President, commented, “I am very proud of this accomplishment not only for what it says about our dedicated team of clinical specialists and surgeons, but for what it brings to our community.”

About Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Flower Mound

Texas Health Flower Mound is a full-service, 101-bed facility with over 400 physicians on its medical staff who practice a full range of specialties. As the area’s first acute care hospital, Texas Health Flower Mound is committed to offering comfort and care to those seeking quality health services. Texas Health Flower Mound was also named "Best Hospital in Flower Mound" in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 by readers of *Living Magazine*, and "Best Places to Work" in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 by *Modern Healthcare*. For more information, go to www.texashealthflowermound.com.

About the American College of Surgeons

The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational association of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical education and practice and to improve the quality of care for the surgical patient. Its achievements have placed it at the forefront of American surgery and have made the College an important advocate for all surgical patients. The College has more than 80,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

About the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery

The [American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery](http://www.fasmbs.org), founded in 1983, was formed to advance the art and science of metabolic and bariatric surgery by continually improving the quality and safety of care and treatment of people with obesity and related diseases through educational and support programs for surgeons and integrated health professionals.

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Flower Mound is a joint venture owned by Texas Health Resources and physicians dedicated to the community and meet the definition under federal law of a physician-owned hospital. Doctors on the medical staff practice independently and are not employees or agents of the hospital.

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